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SUBJ: TEMPORARY ABSENCE OF CHIEF OF MISSION

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FOR AMBASSADOR

1. DEPARTMENT AGREES IN PRINCIPLE WITH YOUR PROPOSED TRAVEL TO PORTUGUESE AFRICA AND ASSUMES THAT SIMILAR TRAVEL BY OTHER EMBOFFS (REF B) IS NOT BEING SCHEDULED TOO CLOSE TO YOUR TRIP. WE BELIEVE IT PREFERABLE, HOWEVER, TO KEEP TRAVEL PLANS TENTATIVE, SUBJECT TO REVISION IF STATE OF AZORES NEGOTIATIONS OR SIMILAR CONSIDERATIONS MIGHT CAUSE MISINTERPRETATION OF PURPOSE YOUR VISIT.

2. SINCE TRAVEL BY CHIEF OF MISSION TO ANGOLA, MOZAMBIQUE, AND PORTUGUESE GUINEA IS EQUIVALENT TO TRAVEL WITHIN METROPOLITAN PORTUGAL, DCM WOULD NOT QUALIFY FOR CHARGE PAY AND WOULD NOT BE AUTHORIZED USE TITLE OF CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN YOUR ABSENCE. KISSINGER

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